

# Petrified Forest

## NATIONAL PARK

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION ○ NEWSLETTER 3, SEPTEMBER 2003

*Dear Friends,*

The Draft General Management Plan Revision and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP-R / EIS) has been available for public comment and review. One public meeting was held in Holbrook, Arizona, in April 2003. While there have not been many comments, those letters received are being considered and incorporated into the final plan. The final plan will be printed and available later this year.

We want your comments, but help us to conserve paper, trees, and taxpayer dollars. Printing and mailing this 200-page GMP-R / EIS costs about \$20 per copy. There are some efficient alternatives:

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Of course, if you need a printed copy of the final GMP / EIS, you may request one. Please use the enclosed post card to let us know your preference.

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### **Summary of General Management Plan Revision Petrified Forest National Park**



The draft General Management Plan (GMP) Revision presented four alternatives, including a no-action alternative and the NPS preferred alternative, for future management of Petrified Forest National Park. The draft revises various aspects of the 1993 GMP. After considering comments received on the draft, alternative 2 remains the preferred alternative with a few changes.

In alternative 2, the preferred, maintaining the historic integrity of the Painted Desert headquarters complex is a priority. In general, historic buildings would be adaptively reused for park-related purposes. Visitor services at the Painted Desert Inn could be expanded to include a trading post or limited food service, depending on the outcome of a feasibility study. At Rainbow Forest, improvements would be made to the museum to improve accessibility and expand exhibit space. Lands would be managed similarly to the way they are currently managed, but there would be greater protection for natural and cultural resources from increased emphasis on resource monitoring and adapting to new information. Opportunities for visitors for understanding and appreciation would be enhanced through a few new trails and turnouts, extended morning and evening hours, and pursuing additional educational and interpretation services.